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DEFENSE OF SOUTH CHINA OUTLINED -- Sin Po (Heir Pao), 18 Jul 49

Kuang-chou, 17 July 1949 (French News Agency) -- According to reliable sources, Premier Yen Hei-shan presented an 80-page plan for the defense of South China to the Emergency Committee. The need for strengthening the economic resources of the government was emphasized. Chiang Kai-shek was urged to send T'ang En-po's former Shang-hai garricon troops from Taiwan to Kiangsi and Hunan to hold the CCF in those areas.

Kuang-chou, 17 July 1949 (CNA) -- According to a plan submitted by Premier Yen Hsi-shan for retrieving the situation in the South and the Southwest, there must be changes in military and political policy, allowing more local autonomy, strengthening the political activities of the Army, improving the treatment of officers end troops, and seeking more cooperation from the people. The plan also proposed the organization of a volunteer international air force equipped with 100 planes, and a volunteer international land force made up of 100,000 foreigners and 100,000 Chinese. Plans for the organization and treatment of these forces were outlined.

BANDIT-SUPPRESSION RESULTS DISCUSSED -- Chengi-i Pao, 18 Jul 49

When General Yn Chieng-wan (Ueda: 253, 8222, 9954), bandit-suppression commander for southeast Yunnan, returned to K'un-ming on 16 July 1949, he held a press conference in which he said that he is considering a visit to Kuang-chou to report on bandit suppression in Yunnan and to ask for aid in supplying his troops and in recruiting new personnel. The first of these problems, which is primarily one of supplying food, is the more difficult. The help promised by the Governor of Yunnan did not materialize and money for throop pay has falled far short of estimated needs. For the month 16 May to 16 June, 232,000 yuan were allotted, but only 170,000 yuan were actually received. In other months the receipts sufficed for only 10 days, resulting in much discontent. Borrowed funds could not be paid back or time. Recruiting is impossible without food, and it is difficult to get hungry men to fight.

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Some achievements have been made, however. Since headquarters was every at K'u1-yuan (A-mt) in min-Merch, the campaign in southeast Yunnen has followed an over-sll plan by steges. During the first stage, the bandit forces of Wan Pao-pang (9954, 342, 12137) in the Third District were defeated and his deputy, Yang Te-yuan, was killed. In the second stage, Mi-je, Lu-nan, Lu-bei, Shih-tsung, lo-p'ing, and other towns in the First District were regained and bandit leaders Chuang T'ien (9869, 7478), and Chu Chin-pi (4717, 2349, 7382) were killed. In the third stage, the Second District is being mopped up.

During May-July 1949 there have been 144 engagements. Deputy bandit leader Yang Te-yuan, detachment leaders K'ang Yu-k'o (2962, 7261, 6152), Lin P'1 (840, 13079) and Chu Fu-chia (4717, 2366, 460), 36 battalion leaders, and 3,201 men have been killed. Rear line commander Wan Chu-lin (9954, 947, 14327) (son of Wan Pao-pang), 31 officers, and 447 men have been captured as well as 1,151 rifles, 52 pistole, 5 assault guns, 5 light machine guns, one heavy machine gun, ammunition, and horses. Usable weapons were turned over to local authorities to supplement defense; those which cannot be used will be handed over to Pacification Headquarters. The people now enjoy peace. Under the Governor's leadership both political and military aspects of the situation are being improved.

JOINT DEFENSE OF SOUTHWEST AND NORTHWEST DISCUSSED -- Chang-1 Pao, 26 Jul 49

Chang Ch'un, Southwest Military Commander, yesterday returned to Ch'ung-ch'ing after conferring secretly with Wu T'ieh-cheng for several days on the sobject of Wu's visit to Japan. Chang also conferred with Ma Hung-k'uel on the joint defense of the Southwest and Northwest and promised to send arms to help the Northwest.

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